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SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM TERRORIST TRIAL OPENS

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1. THE FOUR SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST BAND THAT
ATTACKED THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM ON APRIL 24, 1975,
IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXTORT THE RELEASE OF MEMBERS OF THE
BAADER-MEINHOF GANG WENT ON TRIAL IN DUESSELDORF ON MAY 6.
WOULD-BE SPECTATORS STOOD IN LINE FOR HOURS OUTSIDE THE
SPECIALLY-BUILT TRIAL FACILITIES TO GET A PLACE IN THE
SPECTATOR GALLERY. SEVERAL OF THE SPECTATORS EXHIBITED
SYMPATHY FOR DEFENDANTS. POLICE SECURITY FORCES SATURATED THE
AREA CHECKING EVERYTHING THAT MOVED. THE DEFENDANTS WERE
BROUGHT INDIVIDUALLY FROM THEIR PLACES OF CONFINEMENT IN
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COLOGNE AND ESSEN TO DUESSELDORF BY HELICOPTER. AFTER THE

DAY'S SESSION THEY WERE FLOWN BACK TO COLOGNE AND ESSEN.
DURING THE NOON RECESS THEY WERE PERMITTED TO EAT LUNCH
TOGETHER.

2. THE COURT HAS SUMMONED 83 WITNESSES, INCLUDING 16
SWEDISH POLICE OFFICIALS AND FOUR EXPERTS TO TESTIFY.
HERR STROEBELE, DEFENSE ATTORNEY FOR BERNHARD ROESSNER,
ANNOUNCED SHORTLY AFTER THE TRIAL BEGAN THAT THE DEFENDANTS,
WHO HAVE REMAINED SILENT SINCE THEIR CAPTURE, INTENDED TO
TESTIFY FULLY DURING THE TRIAL.DUX

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